CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1   1. A method for displaying text in a fixed-sized information box on a viewing

2   screen, the method comprising:

3   selecting a desired font size for displaying text messages that are

4   displayed in an information box on a viewing screen;

5   formatting a text message for display in the information box on the

6   viewing screen according to the selected font size;

7   determining whether a length of the text message is too long to fit in the

8   information box based on the selected font size;

9   displaying an amount of the text message that fits in the information box

10   based on the selected font size; and

11   automatically scrolling through any remainder of the text message.

1   2. The method of Claim 1, wherein when a last line of the text message is

2   displayed, the text message continues scrolling from a beginning of the text message.

1   3. The method of Claim 1, wherein a selection of available font sizes is preset.

1   4. A system for displaying text in a fixed-sized information box on a viewing

2   screen, the system comprising:

3   a set-top box in electrical communication with a viewing screen;

4   an information box that displays text generated from the set-top box on a

5   portion of the viewing screen;

6   a text message containing program information; and

7   a font size selector for selecting a font size for the text message;

8   wherein when the set-top box determines that the text message does not

9   fit within the information box based upon a selected font size, the set-

10   top box causes the information box to display only an amount of the

11   text message that fits within the information box, and causes the text

12   message to scroll within the information box.

1   5. The system of Claim 4, wherein when a last line of the text message is

2   displayed, the text message continues scrolling from a beginning of the text message.

1   6. The system of Claim 4, wherein a selection of available font sizes is preset.